

DRINKING WATER WARNING

**E. coli is present in the
GWA Central System water**

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BOIL YOUR WATER BEFORE USING

Fecal coliform (or *E. coli*) bacteria were found in the water supply on **27 April 2022**. These bacteria can make you sick, and are a particular concern for people with weakened immune systems.

What should I do? What does this mean?

- **DO NOT DRINK THE WATER WITHOUT BOILING IT FIRST.** Bring all water to a boil, let it boil for three (3) minutes, and let it cool before using or use bottled water. ***Boiled or bottled water*** should be used for drinking, making ice, brushing teeth, washing dishes, and food preparation **until further notice**. Boiling kills bacteria and other organisms in the water.
- *Fecal coliforms and E. coli are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes. Microbes in these wastes can cause diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms. They may pose a special health risk for infants, young children, and people with severely compromised immune systems.*
- The symptoms above are not caused only by organisms in drinking water. If you experience any of these symptoms and they persist, you may want to seek medical advice. People at increased risk should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers.

What is being done?

Bacterial contamination can occur when increased run-off enters the drinking water source (for example, following heavy rains). It can also happen due to a break in the distribution system (pipes) or a failure in the water treatment process. GWA is performing a Level 2 Assessment of the system in the area in order to identify the source of the bacteria found. The system has been flushed, and chlorine levels and pressures have been confirmed to be within acceptable levels. Resampling results have come back clear with a single exception. We anticipate resolving the problem within 24-48 hours.

We will inform you when tests show no bacteria and you no longer need to boil your water. For more information, please contact Paul Kemp at 671-300-6885 or at Suite 200, 688 Rt. 15, Mangilao GU 96913-6203.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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